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Introduction

On June 7th 2002, the State and Local Policy Program (SLPP) of the University of Minnesota’s Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs hosted a case study conference on Urban Transportation Corridor Development. Designed as a continuation of a roundtable held in October 2001, the conference is part of an eighteen-month study of national and international best practices of urban transportation corridor redevelopment, sponsored by Hennepin County and the Federal Transit Administration. The overall objective the study is to develop a greater understanding of the successful development and implementation of corridor redevelopment projects, which will inform a proposed strategic financing, implementation, and management plan for corridors in the Twin Cities area.

The discussions on the case study conference were centered on the role of governance, citizen participation, financing, economic impacts and design of several case study corridors, and convened more than 100 participants representing academia, policy makers, and a wide range of public, neighborhood and business interests. The event offered opportunities for participants to learn national and international practices of transportation corridor development.

Lee Munnich, Director of State and Local Policy Program, began the day with a brief welcome and description of the objectives for the day. Mr. Munnich noted especially the roles of Congressman Martin Sabo, the Federal Transit Administration and Hennepin County in making this conference possible. Following the welcome, Frank Douma, Research Fellow at the Humphrey Institute, gave a short overview of the research project, also noting the assistance of the University of Minnesota’s Center for Transportation Studies and the Minnesota Transportation Alliance.